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No. 2 and No. 3, situated at Cresson, Cambria County, and at Hamburg, Berks County, Pa., or either of them.

SEC. 2. The said commissioner of health is hereby further authorized and empowered, after receiving sufficient donation or donations for the purpose set forth in section 1 of this act, to have plans and specifications prepared for a building to be used as a union chapel, which said plans and specifications shall be submitted to the governor of this Commonwealth for his consideration and approval; and, upon the approval of plans and specifications for such building by the governor of this Commonwealth and the commissioner of health, to have such a building or buildings erected under said plans and specifications, at a suitable place or places on the property purchased and owned by the Commonwealth for sanatorium purposes at Cresson and Hamburg, or at either place: *Provided, however,* That the entire cost of the construction and equipment of said chapel or chapels shall be covered by the said donation or donations and no plans shall be prepared or building done until such donation or donations have been received by the commissioner of health.

Inmates of Sanatoria, Hospitals, and Other State Institutions—Maintenance by Guardians or Relatives. (Act June 1, 1915.)

SECTION 1. That whenever any person is maintained as an inmate of any hospital, home, sanatorium, or other institution of the Commonwealth, in whole or in part at the expense of the Commonwealth, the property or estate of such person shall be liable for such maintenance, to be paid or recovered as herein-after provided.

SEC. 2. Every trustee, committee, guardian, or other person nominated or appointed to take charge of the estate of any lunatic, feeble-minded, or any other person, who is an inmate of any home, asylum, or other institution maintained in whole or in part by the Commonwealth, shall, within six months after his appointment, make a true and full report, under oath, to the attorney general, showing the amount and character of said estate, and every year thereafter report to the attorney general what, if any, changes there are in said estate; and every executor or administrator of any deceased inmate of any asylum, home, or institution maintained in whole or in part by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, shall, within six months after letters testamentary or of administration have been issued, make a true, full, and complete report, under oath, to the attorney general, of the extent and character of such estate.

SEC. 3. The husband, wife, father, mother, child, or children of any person who is an inmate of any asylum, hospital, home, or other institution, maintained in whole or in part by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and who is legally able so to do, shall be liable to pay for the maintenance of any such person, as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 4. The court of common pleas of the county of the residence of any inmate of any home, hospital, asylum, or other institution maintained in whole or in part by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, shall have power, upon the application of the attorney general, to make an order for the payment of maintenance to the Commonwealth, upon the trustee, committee, guardian, or other person who has charge of the estate of any such inmate, or against the father, wife, mother, child, or children of any person so maintained; and any order made against the husband, wife, father, mother, child, or children shall be in such amount as the court, in its discretion, deems proper, taking into consideration their ability to pay for said maintenance, and said court may also, upon like application, direct any trustee, committee, guardian, or other person having

charge of any such estate, to file with the attorney general the statement required by the second section of this act.

SEC. 5. The sworn statement of the superintendent, steward, or other person, in whose custody are kept the records of any hospital, home, asylum, or other institution wherein persons are maintained in whole or in part at the expense of the Commonwealth, shall be received as prima facie evidence, in any court of this Commonwealth, of the amount expended by the Commonwealth for the support or maintenance of any such person, in any proceeding brought to recover the amount of such maintenance.

SEC. 6. All claims by the Commonwealth for maintenance, as herein provided, in the distribution of any of the estate of any person so maintained, shall take precedence and be paid after other claims which by law are now given precedence, and before any claims of general creditors.

SEC. 7. Where there is a claim against the estate of any person maintained in any home, hospital, asylum, or other institution, both on behalf of the Commonwealth and on behalf of any county or poor district, and there is not sufficient in the estate to pay the claim in full, the same shall be paid pro rata to the State and the county, in the proportion of the amount of maintenance legally recoverable by each.

SEC. 8. This act of assembly is intended to apply to the collection of claims for maintenance due to the Commonwealth at the time of its passage as well as those to become due hereafter.

Foodstuffs—Protection of. (Reg. Dept. of H., Jan. 14, 1915.)

No firm, person, or corporation shall expose for sale on any sidewalk or pavement or other exposed place any fruit, vegetables, or other articles of food which are eaten uncooked, unless such fruit, vegetables, or other articles of food are thoroughly screened and protected from flies and unless they are on elevated stands at least 24 inches above the level of the sidewalk or pavement.

Births and Deaths—Registration of. (Act June 7, 1915.)

SECTION 1. That it shall be the duty of the State department of health to have charge of the State system of registration of births, deaths, marriages, and disease; to prepare the necessary methods, forms, and blanks for obtaining and preserving such records and to insure the faithful registration of the same in the townships, boroughs, cities, counties, and in the central bureau of vital statistics at the capitol of the State. The said department shall be charged with the uniform and thorough enforcement of the law throughout the State, and shall, from time to time, recommend any additional forms and amendments that may be necessary for this purpose.

SEC. 2. That the commissioner of health, of the State department of health, shall have general supervision over the central bureau of vital statistics, which is hereby authorized to be established by said department, and which shall be under the immediate direction of the State registrar of vital statistics, whom the said commissioner of health shall appoint, and who shall be a medical practitioner of not less than 10 years' practice in his profession, and a competent vital statistician. The term of appointment of the State registrar of vital statistics shall be 4 years, beginning with the 1st day of January, 1913, and any vacancy occurring in the office of the State registrar of vital statistics shall be filled by appointment of the said commissioner of health. The State registrar of vital statistics shall receive a salary of \$4,000 per annum. The State department of health shall provide for such clerical and other assistance as may be